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If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with the Applicants' attorney, such would be welcome. The Applicants' attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 15th day of November, 1999.

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